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Arts Council Minutes 04/03/2001

Jefferson Cutter House

Present: Members -- Christine Alaimo, Mary Babic, Shari Craig, Jamie Doyle, Cheryl Hemenway, Carol Mahoney, Amy Peters, David Silverman, Robert Zinck

Guests – Lisa Clark, Diane Connor, Elinore Kagan, Suzanne McLeod, Jessica Siegel

Absent: Kathleen Callahan Phelps

David Silverman called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Item One -- Minutes

David Silverman moved to approve the minutes from March 7, 2001. Amy Peters seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item Two -- Requests for Payments

Robert Zinck moved to approve final payment of \$500.00 to the Tufts Beelzebubs (grant #2001-10). Shari Craig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item Three – Discussion with New Candidates

Five potential new Council members attended the meeting.

Lisa Clark, 165 Brattle Street, Arlington. Tel: 781-646-3435. Email: lclark@adobe.com

Diane Connor, 29 Boulevard Road, Arlington. Tel: 781-646-1862. Email: dianekc@aol.com

Elinore Kagan, 17 Kensington Park, Arlington. Tel: 781-648-8044. Email: ekagan@fhe.com

Suzanne McLeod, 61 Madison Avenue, Arlington. Tel: 781-641-4199. Email: 61madison@mediaone.net

Jessica Siegel, 18 Varnum Street, Arlington. Tel: 781-643-2526. Email: jessica118@aol.com

Council members all introduced themselves and, when applicable, described their position on the Council.

Council members also described the monthly Council meetings as well as the additional meetings we schedule during the grant review process in the fall. The grant review process was also explained. Each potential new Council member in turn described her professional experiences and her interest in joining the Council.

The meeting was interrupted for 20 minutes when the fire alarm went off upstairs. All members and guests exited the building until the alarm could be turned off and our meeting could be resumed.

Item Four – Council Discussion About Adding New Members

Council members again agreed to limit the discussion of new candidates at this time to only candidates who: 1.) have attended a previous meeting; 2.) have submitted either their resume or a letter to officially state their interest and qualifications; and 3.) who the Council agrees are strong candidates for joining the Council. Three candidates fit this criterion: Suzanne McLeod, Diane Connor, and Jessica Siegel. A discussion of these three candidates revealed that all candidates would bring unique skills, interests, and experiences to the Council and that they would each be valuable new members.

Christine Alaimo will pull together a complete list of visitors to each of our previous meetings (February 7, March 7, April 3), plus all individuals who have contacted current members. This list will be available for review in our next meeting.

Item Five – Voting on New Members

Shari Craig moved to accept Suzanne McLeod as a member of the Council. Robert Zinck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Shari Craig moved to accept Diane Connor as a member of the Council. Robert Zinck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Shari Craig moved to accept Jessica Siegel as a member of the Council. Robert Zinck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item Six – Discussion about transition of corresponding secretary duties from Carol Mahoney to Cheryl Hemenway

Carol Mahoney and Cheryl Hemenway agreed to get together to coordinate passing of corresponding secretary responsibilities from the former to the later. They agreed to coordinate this before either the May or June meetings so that the Council members could discuss this matter during one of these two meetings.

Item Seven – Handout (again) of the by-laws (to be reviewed for our May meeting)

By-laws were handed out to all members who didn't receive them prior to this meeting. By-laws are to be reviewed by all members for discussion in our May meeting. The Guidelines will then be reviewed in our June meeting.

Item Eight – Financial Report

Robert Zinck distributed a draft of the financial report to all members. Robert also provided an explanation of the financial report for new members. Two specific changes to the draft were discussed.

Grant #2001-07, Dallin School: Author Study and Visit. Dallin School has notified the Council that they do not need the \$150.00 and will not be requesting payment of those funds.

Grant #99-37, Mark Schafer: Novel Translation. Mark Schafer has notified the Council that he will not be proceeding with this project and will not be requesting payment of those funds.

Item Nine – Other business

No other business was discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm by David Silverman.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Alaimo, Recording Secretary